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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/16/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22-43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
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9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

JOSEPH MANCUSO  
PATENT EXAMINER

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Namsoon Jung on 3/26/07.

Please amend claim 33 of the previous examiners amendment submitted on 3/16/2007 as follows. The examiner made a mistake in the previous amendment. Specifically, the examiner failed to include "means for" prior to steps (a)-(g) of independent claim 33. Please see the amendment below.

33. (Amended) An apparatus for enhancing facial images of a person in a video by superimposing virtual object images onto said facial images automatically and dynamically in real-time, comprising the following steps of:

- (a) **means for** capturing a plurality of images for said person with at least one means for capturing images,
  - (b) **means for** processing said plurality of images in order to detect the face of said person in said plurality of images for an initial face detection,
  - (c) **means for** tracking the detected face in real-time using a face tracking window,
  - (d) **means for** verifying said face within the boundary of the face tracking window using a second local face detection,
  - (e) **means for** calculating facial feature coordinate information from said face by applying a plurality of facial feature detection approaches and applying a block-processing,
  - (f) **means for** processing a touch-free interaction by said person to select virtual object images, and
  - (g) **means for** superimposing said virtual object images onto said facial images automatically and dynamically in real-time,
- wherein the virtual object images comprise predefined virtual objects that can be attached to and enhance the facial images,

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whereby the verification of said face within the boundary of the face tracking window makes more accurate facial images to be passed on to the next step while enabling real-time tracking of the face, and  
whereby said touch-free interaction enables said person to choose said virtual object images on a means for displaying output to superimpose onto said facial images without touching any device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Akhavannik whose telephone number is 571-272-8622. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Mancuso can be reached on (571)272-7695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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